

[SAMPLE]

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
NASHVILLE DIVISION**

JOHN Q. PUBLIC,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	Civil No.
)	Judge Trauger
v.)	
)	JURY DEMAND
ACME CORPORATION,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

INITIAL CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER

A. JURISDICTION: The court has jurisdiction pursuant to

_____.

B. BRIEF THEORIES OF THE PARTIES: [not to be a verbatim recitation of the pleadings]

1) PLAINTIFF:

2) DEFENDANT:

C. ISSUES RESOLVED: Jurisdiction and venue.

D. ISSUES STILL IN DISPUTE: Liability and damages.

E. INITIAL DISCLOSURES: The parties shall exchange initial disclosures pursuant to FED. R. CIV. P. 26(a)(1) on or before _____ (usually 14 days from conference).

F. DISCOVERY: The parties shall complete all written discovery and depose all fact witnesses on or before _____. Discovery is not stayed during dispositive motions, unless ordered by the court. Local Rule 33.01(b) is expanded to allow 40 interrogatories, including subparts. No motions concerning discovery are to be filed until after the parties have conferred in good faith and, unable to resolve their differences, have scheduled and participated in a conference telephone call with Judge Trauger.

G. MOTIONS TO AMEND: The parties shall file all Motions to Amend on or before _____.

H. **[only if applicable]** DISCLOSURE OF EXPERTS: The plaintiff shall identify and disclose all expert witnesses and expert reports on or before _____. The defendant shall identify and disclose all expert witnesses and reports on or before _____.

I. **[only if applicable]** DEPOSITIONS OF EXPERT WITNESSES: The parties shall depose all expert witnesses on or before _____.

J. JOINT MEDIATION REPORT: The parties will discuss the prospect of engaging in a formal mediation toward the end of fact discovery or earlier, if agreed to. Following this discussion, the parties will file a Joint Mediation Report that informs the court

whether they will be mediating and, if so, the name of the mediator and the date scheduled for the mediation. The Joint Mediation Report will be filed by _____.

K. DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS: The parties shall file all dispositive motions on or before_____. Responses to dispositive motions shall be filed within twenty one (21) days after the filing of the motion. Optional replies may be filed within ten (10) days after the filing of the response. Briefs shall not exceed 20 pages. No motion for partial summary judgment shall be filed except upon leave of court. Any party wishing to file such a motion shall first file a separate motion that gives the justification for filing a partial summary judgment motion in terms of overall economy of time and expense for the parties, counsel and the court.

L. ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY. The parties have reached agreements on how to conduct electronic discovery. Therefore, the default standard contained in Administrative Order No. 174 need not apply to this case.

M. ESTIMATED TRIAL TIME: The parties expect the trial to last approximately _____ days.

It is so **ORDERED**.

ALETA A. TRAUGER
U.S. District Judge

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:

Attorney for Plaintiff

Attorney for Defendant